

THE ODD CORNER

The Masquerade.

Masked dancers in the dance of life,
We move sedately . . . wearily to-
gether.
Afraid to show a sign of inward strife,
We hold our souls in tether.
We dance with proud and smiling lips,
With frank appealing eyes, with shy
hands clinging.
We sing, and few will question if there
slips
A sob into our singing.
Each has a certain step to learn,
Our prisoned feet move staidly in set
paces.
And to and fro we pass, since life is
stern,
Patiently, with masked faces.
Yet some there are who will not dance,
They sit apart most sorrowful and
splendid.
But all the rest trip on as in a trance,
Until the Dance is ended.
—Olive Custance.

Malay Superstitions.

You can scarcely ever get your money from a Malay on Friday, because they believe that if they pay their creditors on a Friday they will be overtaken by penury. Malays never shave or cut their nails on Saturday or Tuesday, because these are unlucky days, and if they do part with their hair or nails on these days they believe that they will be always in trouble or will die quickly. The Malay never sleeps in the afternoon, for such an action shortens life! When a rat bites a Malay's clothes it signifies ill luck, and usually the rat-bitten clothes are given away to the poor.

Liquid Molecules.

Take a thin glass flask partially filled with a liquid, such as water, spirits of wine, etc., and focus the rays from an arc lamp at a short distance above the surface of the liquid. After gentle heating a large number of small spherical bodies are seen floating about in the space above the liquid. Mr. Hovenden, the scientist, claims that these small spherical bodies are molecules of the liquid.

Albinos.

The human species offers frequent examples of individuals attacked by albinism. It is found oftenest among men of the black race. White albinos have skin of a peculiar paleness, blonde hair, white or colorless beard, pink iris and red pupils. The negro albino has skin of variable aspect; in some cases it is white as milk, in other it is like wax, or rather resembles the hue of a corpse.

Why the Hair Turns White.

This is the explanation of the hair turning white: The all-devouring cells known as phagocytes are the cause of the mischief. These cells, which frequently have ameba-like processes, are developed in the central or medullary part of the hair, whence they make their way into the outer or cortical layer, where they absorb and thus destroy the pigment granules.

Valued Relic of Washington.

S. H. Powell of Fulton, Mo., is the owner of a diminutive gold coin which was presented to his grandfather, a soldier in the Revolutionary war, by George Washington, while the latter, with his army, was making his celebrated crossing of the Delaware river at Trenton, N. J., in the early morning of Dec. 26, 1776. The coin was minted by Spain in 1720.

Production of Icebergs.

Icebergs are the product of the Greenland glaciers and are formed by the thousand in the far northern flocks. As the glaciers sweep into the sea they "calve" or throw off mighty blocks, and these are what we know as icebergs.

Queer Business Lucrative.

A New York woman known as "Old Sal" has saved about \$5,000 in the strange business of matching buttons.

Shopping in Manila.

A traveler in the Philippines writes: "There is no place where shopping is easier than in Manila, for it is almost absolutely impossible to buy anything you require. You can, nevertheless, purchase, if you are so inclined, everything you do not want—and soiled at that—at four times or so its normal value."

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Care of the Hair.

It is now generally agreed that many of the shampoos in use are injurious to the hair. The best treatment is frequent brushing and absolute cleanliness. Wash the hair in a lather of Ivory Soap suds and rinse thoroughly. Let the last water be cool as it closes the pores of the skin and prevents colds.

ELEANOR R. PARKER.

Truly a Friend in Great Need.

The traveler's tree of Madagascar resembles a huge fan with an unwieldy handle. In the dry season the traveler or domiciled native has but to pierce one of these trees just at the point where the fanlike crest has its beginning and out will flow copiously pure, fresh water.

Many Good—One Best.

"So many Oils and Liniments are advertised it is hard to decide which to buy. I tried a number before using Hunt's Lightning Oil. After using it once, however, I realized I had found the best there was, and it was useless to look further. If it fails its 'all off.' No other liniment will hit the spot if Hunt's Lightning Oil fails."

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Keep Up Ancient Custom.

A curious old custom is said to be still kept up at the picturesque Wensleydale village of Bainbridge, Eng., where every winter's night at nine o'clock a large horn is blown on the village green to aid any wayfarer who might chance to be lost on the surrounding fells to find his way to the village.

Odors Travel Far.

"The odor of the balsam-yielding humeriades," says a traveler, "has been perceived at a distance of three miles from the shores of South America. A species of tetracera sends its perfume as far from the island of Cuba. And the aroma of the spice island is wafted out to sea."

Memorial Day.

The regulations of the United States army require that on Memorial day the flag shall be kept at half mast between sunrise and midday only. Where flags are not under the control of the army it is the custom to half mast the flag on that day from sunrise to sunset.

Superior quality and extra quantity must win. This is why Defiance Starch is taking the place of all others.

No Wrinkles in the Photos.

A German photographer, Kunwald, when taking a picture of a lady of doubtful age places sheets of celluloid between the negative and the printing paper, thus producing a very softening effect which hides the discrepancies of age.

Mystery of the Rain Tree.

The mystery of the rain tree of the Canaries is a cloud that hovers about it constantly; this is condensed to water, which saturates the leaves and, falling from them in constant drops, keeps the cisterns which are in excavation beneath them always full of water.



Mrs. Hughson, of Chicago, whose letter follows, is another woman in high position who owes her health to the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I suffered for several years with general weakness and bearing-down pains, caused by womb trouble. My appetite was fitful, and I would lie awake for hours, and could not sleep, until I seemed more weary in the morning than when I retired. After reading one of your advertisements I decided to try the merits of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and I am so glad I did. No one can describe the good it did me. I took three bottles faithfully, and besides building up my general health, it drove all disease and poison out of my body, and made me feel as spry and active as a young girl. Mrs. Pinkham's medicines are certainly all they are claimed to be."—Mrs. M. E. HUGHSON, 347 East Ohio St., Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. Pinkham Tells How Ordinary Tasks Produce Displacements.

Apparently trifling incidents in women's daily life frequently produce displacements of the womb. A slip on the stairs, lifting during menstruation, standing at a counter, running a sewing machine, or attending to the most ordinary tasks may result in displacement, and a train of serious evils is started. The first indication of such trouble should be the signal for quick action. Don't let the condition become chronic through neglect or a mistaken idea that you can overcome it by exercise or leaving it alone.

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Mrs. Lelah Stowell, 177 Wellington St., Kingston, Ont., writes:

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